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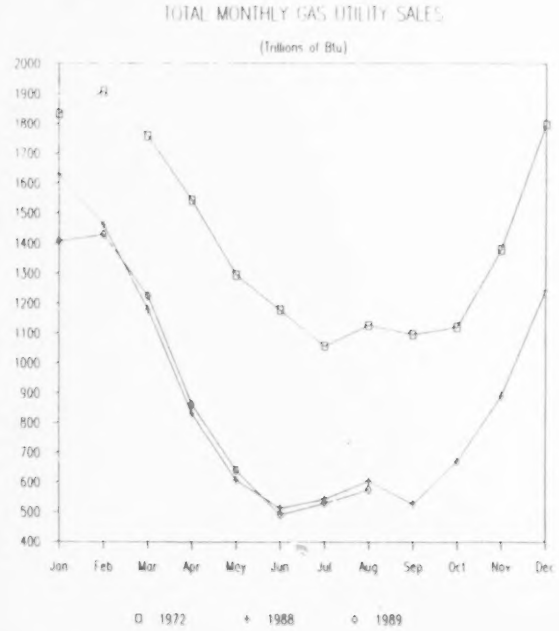
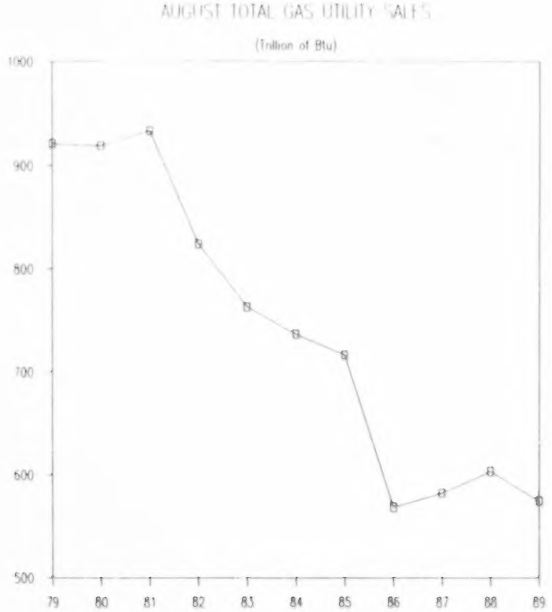
Residential sales increased while commercial, industrial and electric generation sales decreased in August 1989 compared with last year. Total utility sales were down from 603.2 trillion Btu in August 1988 to 574.1 trillion Btu in August 1989. Transportation volumes to end users were up 29.6 percent compared with last year.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

	August			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1989	1988	%Change[1]	1989	(% Change) Last Period	1989 Forecast[2]	1988R	% Change
Residential	119.7	117.9	+ 1.6	3,215.4	- 0.9	4,602.7	4,691.8	- 1.9
Commercial	81.3	85.2	- 4.6	1,536.4	- 3.0	2,249.4	2,303.5	- 2.3
Industrial*	142.6	152.5	- 6.5	1,327.2	- 6.9	2,105.2	2,204.2	- 4.5
Elec. Gen.*	221.1	240.9	- 8.2	966.8	- 4.0	1,290.7	1,331.0	- 3.0
Other	9.4	6.7	-	106.6	-	157.9	160.2	-
Total Sales	574.1	603.2	- 4.8	7,152.4	- 2.9	10,405.9	10,690.7	- 2.7
Transportation*	437.2	337.3	+ 29.6	3,278.3	+ 18.9	4,688.3	4,168.1	+12.5
Total Volumes	1,011.3	940.5	+ 7.5	10,430.7	+ 3.1	15,094.2	14,858.8	+ 1.6**

*Significant sales volumes have been displaced by transportation volumes.
**No direct comparison with EIA consumption figures should be made.





RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - AUGUST

(Thousands of Units)

		1989	1988	% Change '88 vs.'89
Domestic Ranges	- Gas	191.2	198.7	- 3.8
	- Electric	275.6	287.1	- 4.0
Clothes Dryers	- Gas	85.7	99.4	- 13.8
	- Electric	291.6	329.8	- 11.6
Water Heaters	- Gas	295.4	289.6	+ 2.0
	- Electric	259.0	272.9	- 5.1
Warm Air Furnaces	- Gas	216.0	200.7	+ 7.6
	- Electric	27.9	23.9	+ 16.5
	- Oil	21.8	22.6	- 3.5
Boilers	- Gas	20.9	20.3	+ 2.6
	- Electric	N/A	0.1	N/A
	- Oil	15.6	14.6	+ 7.1

Source: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA). Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers.

SPOT PRICES TO GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

(August 1989)

Receipt Point	Price ($MMBtu)[a]
Northeast	$2.09
Southeast	$2.08
Midwest	$1.85
Southwest	$1.82
West	$2.17
Total	$1.98

Source: American Gas Association

[a]Represents average price paid at receipt point for a one-month contract.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - AUGUST

	1989	1988	% Change '88 vs '89
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	124.8	136.8	- 8.8
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1982 - 1984 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	97.3	95.2	+ 2.2
Electricity	120.4	116.8	+ 3.1
Fuel Oil	76.7	73.5	+ 4.4

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	51.0	53.6	- 4.8
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.99	6.74	+ 3.8
Commercial	5.05	4.67	+ 8.1
Industrial	2.71	2.79	- 3.0
Electric Generation	2.29	2.56	- 10.5
Total	3.77	3.74	+ 0.9
Carriage Volumes[3] (Trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	437.2	337.3	+ 29.6
For Ultimate Consumers	133.8	84.9	+ 57.6
For Resale	439.7	406.6	+ 8.1
Total	1,010.7	828.8	+ 21.9

Source: American Gas Association

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING

($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind. Only	Elec. Gen.	Other
1979	Dec.	2.522	2.918	2.665	2.261	2.120	1.937
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	3.184	2.651	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.311	3.241	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	3.969	4.090	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.882	5.508	4.486	4.198	4.921
1984	Dec.	5.128	5.938	5.511	4.410	4.222	4.869
1985	Dec.	5.017	5.953	5.441	4.248	3.812	4.791
1986[R]	Dec.	4.602	5.652	5.035	3.650	2.726	4.025
1987[R]	Dec.	4.315	5.387	4.764	3.112	2.511	3.427
1988[R]	Aug.	4.270	5.262	4.631	3.082	2.485	3.380
	Sep.	4.264	5.266	4.628	3.061	2.466	3.398
	Oct.	4.279	5.268	4.630	3.055	2.483	3.406
	Nov.	4.290	5.274	4.625	3.048	2.516	3.323
	Dec.	4.313	5.288	4.632	3.040	2.545	3.359
1989[P]	Jan.	4.349	5.347	4.667	3.047	2.535	3.395
	Feb.	4.375	5.406	4.698	3.037	2.496	3.448
	Mar.	4.394	5.434	4.725	3.014	2.481	3.468
	Apr.	4.400	5.449	4.724	3.002	2.479	3.481
	May	4.405	5.458	4.733	2.986	2.497	3.489
	June	4.407	5.459	4.737	2.980	2.505	3.486
	July	4.410	5.463	4.746	2.992	2.487	3.493
	Aug.	4.414	5.470	4.760	2.988	2.441	3.466

AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES

($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.& Elec.	Ind. Only	Elec. Only
1987	Aug.	3.83	6.71	4.87	2.71	3.01	2.47
	Sep.	4.00	6.39	4.75	2.76	2.97	2.54
	Oct.	4.10	5.74	4.56	2.72	2.94	2.41
	Nov.	4.27	5.30	4.68	2.84	3.05	2.43
	Dec.	4.38	5.01	4.65	2.98	3.17	2.54
1988[R]	Jan.	4.38	4.90	4.56	2.99	3.28	2.36
	Feb.	4.43	4.95	4.61	3.06	3.22	2.61
	Mar.	4.48	5.06	4.65	3.14	3.34	2.59
	Apr.	4.42	5.21	4.66	2.98	3.19	2.51
	May	4.22	5.59	4.61	2.79	3.05	2.43
	June	4.16	6.35	4.71	2.73	2.87	2.56
	July	3.81	6.58	4.66	2.52	2.76	2.35
	Aug.	3.74	6.74	4.67	2.65	2.79	2.56
	Sep.	3.88	6.52	4.66	2.55	2.71	2.34
	Oct.	4.34	5.74	4.60	2.83	2.87	2.69
	Nov.	4.40	5.36	4.62	2.99	2.97	3.05
	Dec.	4.58	5.13	4.71	3.14	3.10	3.32
1989[P]	Jan.	4.66	5.21	4.78	3.02	3.43	2.17
	Feb.	4.62	5.30	4.81	2.79	3.14	2.08
	Mar.	4.64	5.29	4.87	2.89	3.12	2.33
	Apr.	4.49	5.39	4.64	2.85	3.03	2.47
	May	4.32	5.75	4.79	2.77	2.83	2.67
	June	4.18	6.45	4.81	2.73	2.78	2.67
	July	3.86	6.81	4.90	2.53	2.95	2.23
	Aug.	3.77	6.99	5.05	2.45	2.71	2.29

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[1]Gas volumes are based on, and the percent change is a function of, the 69 sample companies whose sales constitute about 58% of total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers. The peak year in total sales for the gas utility industry occurred in 1972.

[2]1989 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1989 monthly data with the remaining months derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast (industrial only, electric generation, and transportation) is also based on available 1989 monthly data with the remaining months of 1989 heavily weighted by last years volumes with no adjustment made for degree days.

[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes owned by the ultimate consumer but delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.

P-Preliminary. R-Revised.